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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1917.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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About Town Notes

There were many visitors in town and at other points in the valley, over the Fourth.

The brick work of the office addition to the plant of the Freed Heater Company is completed and presents a substantial and attractive appearance.

Regular meeting of the Fire Company this (Thursday) evening, July 5.

Miss Anita Strauss is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. H. S. Moyer, and daughter, of Ironbridge, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Kathryn Moyer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Miller are spending some time visiting relatives in Groto, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bolton are spending several weeks in the middle West where they will visit relatives and friends. They will be gone for about six weeks.

Miss Florence Hendrickson, of Norristown, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartman.

Misses Loretta and Florence Scheuren who have been teaching in New Jersey, are at the home of their parents for the summer.

Prof. W. W. Baden's family, of Portland, Oregon, are spending the summer at the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Clawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Umstead, of Philadelphia, were week end visitors in town.

Alvin Butler and a number of friends motored to Allentown last week where they visited David Yost, who is an ambulance driver in the Ambulance Corps, in training at that place.

Mr. Merrill Yost, who for past two years has taught in Morrisville, Pa., is spending the summer at the home of his parents.

Misses Sadie Hunsicker and Cora Dauchow are spending some time in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Stroud entertained friends and relatives from Philadelphia on Sunday.

Miss Mary Hackett, of Philadelphia, was the week end guest of Miss Florence Walt.

Miss Lizzie Kratz has rented a part of her house to a Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Philadelphia, for the summer.

Mr. H. L. Saylor is remodeling his flat and installing gas, electricity and water in same.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith and children, of Pennsylvania, were the Sunday guests of Mrs. D. M. Hunsicker.

Dr. and Mrs. Baer and daughter, of Philadelphia, are spending the summer at their bungalow along the Perkiomen.

Mrs. Albert Kennert, of Philadelphia, is spending some time at the home of her sister, Mary Robison.

Miss Helen Keyser has returned home after spending the past week with friends in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bartman and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rambo motored to Reading on Sunday.

Mr. Alvin Butler, Miss Amy Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butler motored to Bernville on Saturday in the former's auto and spent Sunday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Amandus Lieby.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Warner on Wednesday afternoon, July 11, at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Christian Bauer delightfully entertained the Thespian Club, Saturday evening.

Miss Ferreri, of Philadelphia, spent several days with Mrs. Christian Bauer.

Mrs. Huttel and daughter, Lolo, spent several days in Summerville.

Mr. F. J. Clamer had a severe attack of acute indigestion last week and is now convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allen, of Philadelphia, are spending several days with Mr. Joseph Robison.

Mrs. Charles Loder delightfully entertained the Sewing Circle, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Berron, of Philadelphia, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. VanOsten are spending the summer at their bungalow.

Price of Milk For July and August.

The Inter-State Milk Producers' Association has fixed the price of direct shipped milk at 7 cents per quart f. o. b., Philadelphia. If sold subject to test, the basis of calculation is to be 4.0 cent. butter fat with adjustments at the rate of 3-12c per 1-10 above or below that test.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally, and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for full testimonials.

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The Death Roll

Elizabeth Longaker.

Mrs. Elizabeth Longaker, died at Lansdale on Saturday, aged 73 years. Death was due to diabetes. Mrs. Longaker (nee Ullman) was born in Lower Providence. Her husband, the late Davis Longaker, after conducting Perkiomen Bridge hotel for some time purchased the Lansdale hotel which he conducted for many years and up to the time of his death in 1897. Mrs. Longaker had charge of the hotel from 1897 to 1907 when it was taken over by her son John U. Longaker, with whom she resided. Mrs. Longaker was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are living. They are: Eva M. Larue and Horace Jenkins, Geo. D., Henry H. and John U., of Lansdale; Lieutenant E. W. Longaker, of New Orleans, and D. Brower Longaker, of Kirklint, Pa. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. Services in St. James' church, Evansburg, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Trinity Reformed church cemetery, Collegeville; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

Mary Bowden.

Mary, widow of the late James Bowden, of Oaks, died on Monday, aged 92 years. Funeral was held today (Thursday), at 10:30 a. m. Interment in Vincent Baptist cemetery, Chester Springs; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

Sarah A. Dettra.

Sarah A., daughter of John B. and Annie Dettra, of Oaks, died on Wednesday morning at the Phoenixville Hospital, aged 50 years. The funeral will be held from the residence of her brother John C. Dettra, Oaks, on Saturday at 3 o'clock. Services in Green Tree church at 3:30. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited without further notice; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

RED CROSS ORGANIZATION
FORMED IN COLLEGEVILLE.

At a meeting of twenty-five women of Collegeville held in Bomberger Hall last Friday, June 28, a branch of the Collegeville Women's Auxiliary of the Red Cross was organized. Mrs. Elizabeth Tower was chosen president; Mrs. J. Truman Ebert, treasurer, and Mrs. Thomas Hallman, secretary. Miss Isabella Vanderslice, of Philadelphia, gave a very inspiring address, in which she explained why we are in the war, and spoke of the urgent need of the local assistance of every woman of the nation in the line of Red Cross work, and otherwise. It was decided to hold a regular day meeting from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., every Wednesday, excepting this week, when the meeting will be held on Thursday between the hours named. For the present the meetings will be held in one of the rooms of the local school building. All the women of the town are urged to attend the meetings of the Red Cross and bring their needles, thimbles and scissors with them. The membership roll now exceeds one hundred names.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES.

Holy Communion will be observed in this church on Sunday, July 8 at 10 o'clock.

Preparatory services will be held on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The consistory will meet on Thursday evening at 7:30.

All the ladies of the congregation and community are invited to meet in the lecture room of this church on Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a Food Conservation League. This meeting will be held after the preparatory service, at 8:30 o'clock.

The annual picnic for the Sunday school and congregation will be held on July 28. THE PASTOR.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Saloma Sponsler, of Collegeville, announces the engagement of her daughter, Blanche Rena, to Mr. A. J. Zimmerman, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Employees of Flag Companies Play Ball.

The male employees of the Collegeville Flag Company and of the H. O. Stansbury Flag Company, of Collegeville, engaged in a baseball contest on the commons last Saturday afternoon. The score was 8 to 1 in favor of the ball tossers of the Stansbury Company. The feature of the engagement was the pitching of Paul Nace, of Ironbridge, for the winning team. Another game will be played on Saturday afternoon July 21.

Constables Killing Dogs.

The County Commissioners, Tuesday, sent notice to the constables of the county directing them to kill all dogs whose taxes have not been paid. With the notice is a list of the dogs and owners, as furnished by the assessors. The law provides that the constable shall receive \$1 for every dog he kills. His killing is not only confined to those listed by the assessor, but any canine not bearing a license tag of the vintage of 1917.

MARITAL VOWS --- ATTRACTIVE
HOME WEDDING SCENES.

ASHENFELTER-GRIFFITH

The Ashenfelter-Horowitz near Arcola was the scene of a beautiful wedding on Saturday afternoon, June 30, when Miss George Ashenfelter became the wife of Richard Ingram Griffith, of Glen Riddle, Pa. The nuptial ceremony was solemnized on the lawn, beneath a floral bell, with a large floral screen as a background. To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin and "O Promise Me" the bridal party emerged from the house. In the presence of the assembled families of the bride and bridegroom, the solemn words of the marriage ceremony of the Episcopal Church were pronounced by Rev. John P. Bayley, of Glen Riddle, friend of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Eva Ashenfelter, and the best man was Herbert H. Griffith, a brother of the groom. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Horace Ashenfelter. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith departed, under some difficulty, on a two weeks' honeymoon. Upon their return they will be at home at Cedar Hill, Glen Riddle, Pa., in a home which Mr. Griffith recently purchased.

CRIST-ETIE

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at C-Well, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fie, Park avenue, Collegeville, on Thursday, June 28, at 12 o'clock noon when their daughter Emily C. became the wife of Claude G. Crist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Crist, of York. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. S. Clapp of the Collegeville Reformed church. The bride was beautifully gowned in a dress of silk and chiffon and carried a huge shower bouquet of bridal roses and sweet peas. She was attended by her sister Venie I. Fie as bridesmaid, who carried pink sweet peas. Mr. Earle Crist, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. A cousin, Miss Laura Bartholomew, who played the wedding march, was escorted to the altar by Mr. P. K. Kopenhaver. A reception followed the wedding, after which the bride and groom left on a short wedding trip. A number of very beautiful gifts were received by the bride. Guests were present from Collegeville, Ironbridge, Valley Forge, Hickorytown, Trappe, Conshohocken, York, Philadelphia, Barren Hill and Pittsburgh.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Lower Providence Presbyterian cemetery. The remains were viewed Sunday evening previous; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

DEAD MAN FOUND ALONG
SKIPPAK.

Sunday afternoon Frank Cleaver discovered the dead body of a man lying in the bushes near the Skippak bridge on the Ridge pike. There was a bullet hole at the right temple of the man's head, and a pistol was in the grasp of the hand that pulled the trigger. No doubt a case of suicide.

The name on the tag of the suit the man wore is "I. Williams, 243 Penn street, Reading, Pa.; April 3, 1915." Undertaker Bechtel, of Collegeville, took charge of the corpse and removed it to his morgue to await the action of the Coroner. To all appearances the man was a German and a workman, not a tramp.

The body of the dead man has since been identified as that of Wm. B. Boyer, of Reading, aged 62 years, and was forwarded to Reading on Wednesday. The deceased is reputed to have been a sober man and a good citizen.

Opening of Dr. Krusen's Private
Hospital.

Dr. E. A. Krusen, formerly of Collegeville, will open his Private Hospital on what was at one time the Judge Markley Boyer property, Sandy street, Norristown, on Wednesday, July 11. The Hospital is finely located and splendidly equipped for good service. Dr. Krusen deserves much credit for his enterprise in making this important and needed addition to the Hospital facilities of Norristown, and his decision to furnish accommodations for the patients of all physicians is a tribute to his good sense and broad-mindedness. The new Hospital will be open for public inspection from 2 to 6 p. m., July 11, and the Dr. extends a most cordial invitation to the general public to participate in the inspection. There will be exercises of an appropriate character during the afternoon.

Lady and Child Injured---Automobile
Wrecked.

Saturday afternoon the Ford car of H. Kerkstein was struck and wrecked by a touring car on Ridge pike between Perkiomen Bridge and Springfield's corner. A lady and child, who were in the car with Mr. Kerkstein, were very painfully injured in the collision. Mr. Kerkstein was also somewhat injured. The driver of the touring car never halted to ascertain the injuries and damage he wrought. If he had his just deserts he would be in jail. He is a dangerous and heartless animal on the highways.

Great Sale of Cows.

At a public sale held by Jonas P. Fisher at Beckman's hotel, Trappe, Thursday afternoon of last week, twenty-three dairy cows, mostly fresh and with calves, were sold for \$223.50, an average of \$40.54 per head. Among the number sold were high grade Holsteins that would pass for registered stock. It was the greatest sale of cows ever held in old Trappe—a live stock center for perhaps a century. F. H. Peterman auctioneered the sale and M. B. Linderman acted as clerk.

School Directors of Upper Providence
Reorganized.

The School Directors of Upper Providence met at Black Rock on Saturday and organized by electing David Rittenhouse, president; Jos. Shrawder, Secretary; treasurer, S. H. Yocum and C. C. Carmack.

Matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac S. Landis announce the marriage of their daughter Stella Bean to Wm. G. Simmons on Saturday, June 30, 1917, Collegeville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons will be at home, after September 1, Norristown, Pa.

Bridgeport Man Choked to Death
Eating Meat.

Sunday morning William Beswick, aged 50, of Bridgeport, choked on a piece of beefsteak. Before medical aid could reach him he was dead. Deceased was well known in Bridgeport. For many years he had been employed at the Smith Woolen Mills as a boss weaver. He is survived by four sons and one daughter.

DEATH OF SAMUEL F. JARRETT---
PROMINENT AND HONORED
MONTGOMERY COUNTMAN.

Samuel F. Jarrett, of Jeffersonville, one of the most widely known and highly respected citizens of Montgomery county, died early Thursday morning of last week at his home in Jeffersonville. He retained his vitality and the use of his faculties to a wonderful degree up to within a short time of his death which was caused by an acute affection of the stomach.

Mr. Jarrett was a son of David Jarrett and was born in Upper Providence on November 19, 1825. He was a farmer by occupation. In 1883 he purchased a farm fronting on Egypt road, near Jeffersonville, where he lived for fifty-three years and then retired to a house he had built for himself and family in Jeffersonville. His wife died in 1900. One daughter, Anna R., wife of Dr. Willoughby H. Reed, of Jeffersonville, survives.

Mr. Jarrett was not only a successful farmer but he was an alert and public spirited citizen, more than ordinarily gifted by nature, physically and mentally, and possessed much sound common sense. His popularity among his neighbors and fellow-citizens of the county, was attested by his election to three terms as treasurer of Montgomery county at a time when the Republican and Democratic parties were about equally divided in the county.

During many years his counsel was frequently sought and accepted by the leaders of the Republican party. He was one of the organizers of the People's Bank, of Norristown, and served continuously as one of the directors of that institution up to the time of his death. He deserved and enjoyed many warm friendships and his whole life was exemplary and honorable.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Lower Providence Presbyterian cemetery. The remains were viewed Sunday evening previous; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

Trust Company's Bookkeeper
Arrested.

E. Russell Yetter, of 1040 Powell street, Norristown, until recently a bookkeeper at the Montgomery Trust Company, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant issued before Magistrate Lord, charging embezzlement and forgery. The information was lodged by Charles Gottwald, secretary and treasurer of the Trust Company, and it is intimated that the arrest is based upon shortage in the young man's accounts. No amount is fixed as the probable extent of the defalcations. It was stated that the probable amount of the young man's defalcations would be in the vicinity of \$4000. Yetter is one of the best known young men of Norristown, and a graduate of the Norristown High School. He has been employed at the Trust Company for some time.

Four Misfortunes Fell Upon Bridge-
port Citizen in Eight Days.

To have a daughter drowned, a wife taken to the hospital on account of a nervous breakdown which threatens to be fatal, to have a second daughter seriously ill and then to have a son painfully injured all within eight days' time is an unusual experience and a series of misfortunes which seldom blight the happiness of one family. But this has been exactly the fate of Abram Orloff, who resides on DeKalb street in Bridgeport. The fourth member of his family to fall victim to untoward circumstances was his seven-year-old son, Abram, Jr., who sustained painful injuries Wednesday afternoon of last week when he fell off an ice wagon and crushed his left foot. Mrs. Orloff, who suffered from shock on account of the sudden death of her daughter, is reported to be in a critical condition.

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GOVERNMENT TO INSURE ITS
FIGHTING MEN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2.

Issuance by the Government itself of the insurance that is to be given to every man in the country's fighting forces was approved today by more than a hundred prominent insurance company officials in conference at the Treasury Department. Legislation to carry such a plan into effect will be asked of Congress at this session by the Administration.

Many of the companies represented offered the use of their machinery for handling the Government's insurance business and the services of their experts in the management of Governmental activities. Most of them suggested that the Government should be guaranteed a limited indemnity and permit individuals in the service to carry further insurance in private companies without limitations.

A plan recently advanced by Assistant Secretary Sweet, of the Commerce Department, received considerable discussion at the meeting. Under this plan, which is being considered by the Council of National Defense, the Government would assume a death liability of \$4000 and also provide compensation for injuries. Various suggestions were offered as to details of a Federal insurance scheme, including the advisability of instalment payments to beneficiaries rather than lump sums.

ELECTORS WILL VOTE ON BOND
ISSUE FOR ROAD CON-
STRUCTION.

By the action of the House, prior to adjournment last week in passing the Sproul resolution to amend the constitution as to permit of a \$50,000,000 bond issue for the construction of public highways, the question will be put up to the people at the general election in November, 1918.

By that time opponents of the proposition, who lost their fight in the Legislature, hope to have waged a successful campaign against it, just as they did when a similar proposition was voted down at the polls in 1913. The rollcall showed 15 votes for the measure or only eleven more than the required majority and 61 against it.

Leading the fight against the measure was the Pennsylvania State Grange, which contends it is unjust and unnecessary to saddle the commonwealth with a great debt for road building when there are so many untouched sources of regular revenue.

The Senate passed finally the bill appropriating \$12,515,000 for public roads. This, with the \$6,000,000 estimated revenue from automobile licenses dedicated to good roads, makes a total of more than \$18,500,000 appropriated by the Legislature for roads for the next two years.

CAR FILLED WITH PASSENGERS
DUMPED INTO NIAGARA
WHIRLPOOL.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 1.—A belt line car on the Great Gorge route left the rails, plunged down a 20-foot embankment and turned over in 10 feet of water on the edge of the Whirlpool Rapids at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Eight persons are known to be dead, two persons known to have been on the car have not been seen since the accident and probably are dead, an indefinite number, estimated at from two to ten, are reported missing, and more than a score are in hospitals, suffering from injuries received in the accident.

Nearly a score of persons were reported to the police as missing, but most of them were located in hospitals and hotels later in the evening. It is certain, however, that in the holiday crowd there were many making the trip unaccompanied.

The list of dead and known missing and the injured makes a total of 32. Virtually, no one escaped injury, and this leaves more than 15 persons to be accounted for if the estimate of 50 as the total number of passengers on the car is correct.

A washout, due to recent heavy rains, was the cause of the disaster, which occurred just below the cantilever bridge, and 60 feet below the point where the smooth water of the upper reaches of Niagara River break into the turbulent waters of the Whirlpool Rapids.

The car was in charge of Motor-man Louis E. Crandall and Conductor Alexander Heron. It had all but completed the circuit of the Gorge, having crossed from the Canadian side of the river on the trolley bridge at Lewiston. There were more than 50 passengers on board, according to general estimates.

Damage by Lightning at Mont Clare.

On Monday evening after the storm had apparently passed over a blinding flash of lightning startled the people of Mont Clare. A terrific stroke leaped to a tall poplar tree in Mr. George Foley's yard. The tree was badly splintered for a distance of thirty feet from the ground. Fragments were scattered everywhere. The concrete fence surrounding the lawn suffered badly. Several posts were broken off and large chunks were removed as though struck with a sledge hammer. A piece of concrete passed through the front window, landing by the piano. Half the window glass in the house was broken, and many panes in near-by houses also.

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Montgomery County Criminal Court will be called upon to try a Mexican charged with murder, as Margaretta Panchez died in a hospital from a gunshot wound in the abdomen, inflicted by Tony Lauzon at Plymouth recently.

PREVENT TYPHOID FEVER.

We must do our best to keep well. Before long our hospitals will be wanted for our soldiers.

Listen—and take a little advice. Don't be careless or foolhardy and bank on your being an exception to the rest of your associates and defy Nature, for she will not be defied.

Typoid fever germs in a fertile medium will grow just as surely as grains of wheat in a fertile soil.

Nowadays Nature is in all her glory in the valleys and mountains of our beautiful country and it is the season when we are attracted from our winter homes to get close to Nature. Camping grounds are easily reached in these days of automobiles, motorcycles and other rapidly moving vehicles. There are thousands of beautiful sites to pitch our tents along the attractive-looking brooks. It is these attractive waters, which we find so soothing to the thirst after riding or driving long distances, that are deceptive to the layman. They are often clear and sparkling, yet loaded with miserable house drainage, carrying at times the deadly germs of typhoid fever.

This summer the waters will be more dangerous than usual because of the hurried arrangement of military camps, with the want of sanitary planning to protect our springs and streams.

Don't be deceived by the old-fashioned pump, the boiling springs, and the clear water rippling over the pebbles in our little mountain streams, for Pennsylvania has now become thickly populated with people who are not yet sufficiently educated to protect the streams thoroughly against pollution.

When you are traveling by automobile or camping in strange locations never drink the waters without filtering or boiling. Try and carry pure water with you either in thermos bottles or stone jars. Most typhoid fever is contracted from drinking water. It is the great carrier and typhoid enters the system by drinking, by cleansing the teeth, by rinsing the face and mouth, or through raw vegetables that are washed in infected waters.

Swimming in polluted streams is known to be dangerous and children as well as adults have often lost their lives from taking typhoid fever in this way.

Be just as sure to carry pure water for drinking when touring or camping as to have good food.

The degree of care we take of our health this summer will be a measure of our loyalty to our nation.—Dr. Samuel A. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

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News From Trappe

Mrs. J. C. Umstead has returned home after spending some time with relatives in Linfield, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland R. Umstead, of Philadelphia, are spending some time with Mr. Umstead's mother, Mrs. J. C. Umstead.

Mr. J. Winslow Rushong is spending the summer months with his father, F. B. Rushong.

Mrs. Mary Lightkeip, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Schrack.

Mr. J. H. Hade and family are spending some time at their summer home.

Mr. Mark Messenger is

THE INDEPENDENT

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, July 5, 1917.

FANATICISM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF CONGRESS.

Within the past fortnight the people of the United States have had presented to them a striking illustration of the power of insistent fanaticism. Taking advantage of the widespread and well-supported demand for Government action to checkmate the food swindlers and crooks in their greedy raids upon the earnings of the great mass of toilers and consumers in the United States, the shriekers for national prohibition influenced the House to attach a rider to the Food-Control bill forbidding the brewing and distilling of alcoholic beverages. The bill, as amended and passed, went to the Senate where, at this writing, it is under special consideration. It is quite probable that the Senate, giving heed to President Wilson, will change the amendment so as to permit the continuance of the manufacture of beer and wines.

Notwithstanding the Government's extensive partnership in the business of manufacturing malt and spirituous drinks for over fifty years; notwithstanding the vast amount of capital largely invested, through and by the encouragement of the Government, in breweries and distilleries throughout the country; notwithstanding the many thousands of acres of growing barley and other grains to meet the requirements of a legitimized business; and, notwithstanding the far-reaching importance of the vital principle of personal liberty (within rational limitations) it is the unceasing purpose of fanatical prohibitionists inside and outside of Congress to take arbitrary and cowardly advantage of the food problem of the country to fasten upon the nation an era of prohibition—regardless of all the injustice, tyranny, and oppression that would necessarily result therefrom. Only the far-sighted wisdom and arguments on behalf of fairness and common sense on the part of President Wilson prevented the adoption of the scheme engineered by the fanatics without seriously impairing their own financial resources; of course not. Touch the pocket-book of the average fanatic, and he is as likely to "squeal like a pig under a gate" as any other specimen of the genus homo. The fanatics in Congress and outside of Congress were very much more concerned about the adoption of their hobby than they were about halting and punishing food speculators and crooks. They can only see one evil—the evil of intemperance; they cannot see the evil of hypocrisy, they cannot see many forms of human scoundrelism that permeate Society; they cannot see that inebriety is not the only weakness of the race, nor can they see that the habits and customs of a people cannot be either suddenly, surreptitiously, or successfully overthrown by legal processes.

Prohibition may come, but when it comes let it come upon its own merits; let it come fairly and justly. If a majority of the American people should at any time declare in favor of Prohibition, let such a declaration be fair and square and be based upon the broadest possible arguments respecting common honesty and common justice to all parties concerned. The disposition to engage in partnership and then brainclout one of the partners is very much worse and very much more detestable than inebriety.

Respecting the food situation in its relation to the manufacture of alcohol let justice and common-sense prevail. First, effectually clip the long fingers of the food speculators and crooks, and speculative crooks in other avenues of commerce and business. This accomplished, it will be time enough to determine just where and how the consumption or use of food products should be decreased, and then will be the time, the proper time, to decree that the use of grains for distillation and brewing purposes must be decreased in just proportion to the actual necessities of the people imposed by the exigencies of war. The necessary, though temporary, autocracy of Democracy must first move decisively in the suppression of food crooks. Then conservation of food supplies will be logically in order. Let it first be ascertained that no grains are exported to England and other points to be used for brewing and distillation purposes, before the decrease of grains sold to United States brewers and distillers is decreed.

While the discussion of food is in progress in this country let it be noted, and noted with emphasis, that right in England—where the ravages of the horrible war are most keenly in evidence, and where beer is not interdicted, the average office man goes to a public eating house and pays: 20 cents for roast pork, 18 cents for Irish stew, 18 cents for grilled pork sausages, 18 cents for steak pie, 20 cents for fried veal cutlets, and 20 cents for sirloin of beef or roast mutton. Something for fanatics and many other American citizens to think about.

DEAR LUTZ: And this, in part, is your latest puzzler: "What, in your opinion, is the real difference, if any, between Morality and Christianity? . . . Is pure morality cold?"

I can perhaps help Brother Lutz by stating that in every instance where Christianity is approximately Moral in its effects it is, in such instance, the practical equivalent of Morality. Where there is practical equivalence there is little if any room for difference. Yes, my conception of Morality includes "mercy, self-denial, and service" ("material reward" aside), because I realize that human progress and the common well-being of all is unattainable without the application of the sentiments or feelings implied by your terms. Please note, Brother Lutz, as you pass along, that the human sentiments or feelings you refer to were very common, in more or less accentuated forms, very early in the development of the human race; also, that a pregnant part of the Sermon on the Mount was in substance enunciated many centuries prior to the birth of Christianity. Note, furthermore, that whatever is of Truth, whatever is of goodness in Christianity must harmonize with "pure" Morality, and that whatever is morally impure cannot be in effect sanctified by Christianity. "Pure morality" is only cold when practiced more or less approximately by a relatively few men who are social and intellectual icebergs, by Nature. I know a few such. But, the average man who practices Morality up to the light that he hath, warms up toward his fellowman in many congenial and helpful ways, and there is nothing "cold" about him, or his Morality.

By the way, Brother Lutz, in one of your future sermons to your esteemed congregation put especial emphasis upon some of the facts of human experience as found in Holy Writ, and remind your brethren that it is of vastly more importance that they should PRACTICE such precepts of Jesus of Nazareth as are of Truth than that they should profess to actually believe that which is inherently incredible and unbelievable.

I assume the bit of burden associated with the answering of questions carries with it permission to hand out a suggestion or two.

U. S. SENATOR TILMAN entertains the suspicion that some men are practicing law in the United States Senate, and the opinion that food gamblers should be jailed. The Senator has grounds for his suspicion, and any amount of proof in support of his opinion.

With the advance guard of the United States Army on French soil, and the information that the Russian forces won a big victory and captured 10,000 German prisoners, beginning of the present week, there is reason to strongly hope that Germany will reach its Waterloo sooner than has been anticipated by many of the war prophets. Much will depend upon the cohesion and action of the Russian forces.

MONDAY

Oh, that dreaded wash day! Isn't there some way to do it easier—some way to avoid that terrific kitchen heat, the back-breaking job of toting wood, shoveling coals and cleaning out ashes? Yes, madam, there is.

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ALFALFA HAY IS PREFERRED

Crop is Somewhat Superior to Either Cowpeas or Clover—Yield Per Acre is Greater.

As a hay crop alfalfa is to be preferred to red clover or cowpea hay wherever it can be successfully produced. It is somewhat superior to either clover or cowpeas in feeding value, while under favorable conditions the number of crops alfalfa produces in one season makes the total yield per acre greater.

MUTTON IS EXCELLENT MEAT

Lambs are Not Difficult to Raise Where Farmer is Prepared and Understands Animals.

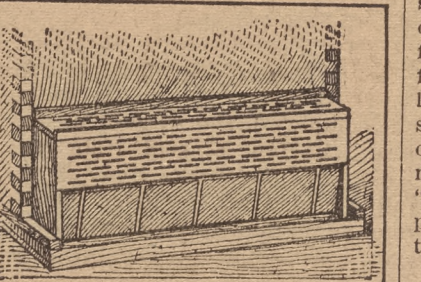
Lambs should be raised cheaply where one is at all prepared and where he understands the animals. Mutton is excellent meat and there are no good reasons why it should not be more popular. A few fat lambs during the year might be the means of taking in cash that could be used to good advantage in other ways.

TO GET RID OF DRONES

Perforated Zinc Trap or Guard is Put Over Entrance.

Care Must Be Exercised That Queen Is Not Excluded or Killed—Working Bees are Permitted to Pass Freely.

To get rid of drones, which may become too numerous, a guard or a drone trap is put over the hive entrance. Perforated zinc is the usual material used, the perforations being large enough to permit worker bees to pass through, but too small for drones. Sometimes the frames are shaken in front of the hives so all the drones can be kept outside. Care must be exercised to see that the queen is not also excluded or killed. For safety she should first be found and confined.



Alley Drone Trap.

safely till the shaking is over, and then returned to the frames. The drones may safely be fed to chickens, as they have no stings.

A simpler, less troublesome method is to use a trap such as shown freely at its rear to the entrance of the hive. The frame (incorrectly drawn) consists of parallel slats or wires between which the worker bees can pass freely. The drones cannot so escape, but make their way upward through cones of wire cloth in the upper part of the trap. The cones are set at their apices, which reach nearly to the top of the trap. Very few drones have sense enough to find their way back into the hive. Any workers that chance to get into the trap can easily escape. It is not likely the queen will get in the trap unless at swarming time.

The best time to use the trap is between nine and four o'clock in warm, sunny weather when the drones feel like flying. Unless it is desired to carry the drones to some other yard, the upper part of the trap need not be used. The cones will be sufficient, as the drones will huddle outside the hive until removed for chicken feed or for destruction.—Orange Judd Farmer.

FIGURES ON SEED CORN COST

If \$1 Was Paid Per Acre It Would Buy the Very Best Kind That Can Be Obtained Anywhere.

Five dollars is a good big price for seed corn, so big that the most of us will not pay it. But come to figure it down to acres it does not sound so large. Counting one bushel will plant seven acres, the cost is only 72 cents. Seed corn costs at least 50 cents a bushel any season, after they have been cleaned. Counting two and one-half bushels per acre, it costs \$1.25 to seed one acre. There is no possible way of getting out of oats seedling for less than \$1 per acre, even if bin oats are seeded without cleaning. If \$1 was paid out for seed corn per acre, it would buy the very best kind that can be obtained.

GOOD ANTI-KICKING DEVICE

Harness Breast Strap Can Be Arranged to Cure Unruly Cow—It Will Prove Efficacious.

To break a cow of kicking when being milked, take a harness breast-strap and six inches back from the buckle rivet one end of a strap about four inches long. Slip an iron ring over the breast-strap. It may be attached to the short strap, then rivet down the other end of the short strap. When in use the long end of the breast-strap is passed through the ring. The ring is to strike the legs of the cow, and the short strap keeps it in place. Buckle the strap around the legs above the hock joints. The short strap should be on the inside, so it will not hurt the cow.

RAISING SOME BABY BEEVES

Farmer With Pasture Land Can Make Good Profit Without Big Outlay—Silo Is Needed.

Every farmer who has pasture land could raise a few baby beefs profitably without great expense. In addition to a silo, a small silage crop and a silage crop. It may be desirable in addition to plant silage crops to supplement the silage and pasture. Some hay should be available and enough grain to finish the calves for market.

LESSEN LOSS FROM ANTHRAX

Government Advocates Proper Vaccination and the Burning of All Infected Carcasses.

Proper vaccination and the burning of carcasses of infected animals are the means advocated by the government of lessening the losses from anthrax, which now amount to considerable, especially on low, damp land.

"To Get into a Scrape." The expression "to get into a scrape" referred to one time to any one who fell into a deer-run in the forest. When deer run wild in the forest they frequently cut deep gulches among the trees, due to their constant running backward and forward over the same ground. The cuts so made in the forest were known as "deer scrapes," and it sometimes happened that a woodsman fell into them, to his great danger.

Origin of Biscuits.

Biscuits are said to have been invented by chance in the year 1550 in France. It was the accidental result of an order given by King Henri to produce a cake that could not be secured anywhere else in the kingdom. The little son of a village baker had to make for which his father had made the dough, twice instead of once. This is also the origin of the name of "biscuits," which translated means baked twice.

Rouge Shops in Japan.

Rouge and toilet powders are so extensively used by Japanese women that there are shops that deal exclusively in this stuff, and are indicated by a small red flag, signifying the color which the powder will make the cheeks. A shop with a square piece of wood on which are painted various round dots of different colors, tells the passer-by of a paint shop.

Roots Must Have Room.

The yield of cotton is dependent upon the number of flowers we are able to induce the plant to form, and root space is necessary to flowering. The cotton plant's normal rooting may occupy two square yards of earth which is several times more than given

it in practice, and the yield may often be reduced by this fact as the roots must interlap.

Pride a Strange Thing. Pride is a strange thing. For instance, a man would much rather be seen by the younger and prettier set of neighbor women filling up the garbage, than blankly emptying the garbage, though the latter act is really much more commendable in that he just does it to help his poor, hardworking wife that much.—Columbus (O.) Journal.

Had Won the Right. A mother of my acquaintance suggested to her five-year-old daughter that she pray for a baby sister or brother. Time passed and the five-year-old was rewarded for her prayers, and when the question of a name arose, the little miss demanded the right to name the baby, saying: "I'll name that baby; I did the praying."

Three Classes of Soap. While there are many kinds of soaps, it is said that those commonly used may be divided into three classes. The first class comprises fine white soaps and scented soaps, the second class, the coarse household soaps, and the third class the soft soaps.

Sikhs Most Militant People. The city of Amritsar, British India, is the religious center of the Sikh faith, and as such it gains a high degree of interest and distinction. The Sikhs are known all over the British empire as the best of the native Indian fighting men. They have done loyal service on every battlefield where England has called on her native troops, and they are immensely proud of their record and their fighting ability. They are perhaps the most militant creed and people in the world.

Hooks Without Holes. Persons living in apartments or furnished rooms will find this a useful device for increasing closet capacity: Fasten one end of a heavy wire—picture wire works well—to a hook in the closet, thread the other end through the spring of a patent clothespin, wind the wire about the second hook and so on around the closet until there is a clothesline between each pair of hooks. This is an excellent way of holding skirts or waists and can be removed easily.

Spots on the Ceiling. More often than not, the ceiling will have black spots over the radiators and gasjets, while the other parts will still be clean. Try this method of cleaning the oiled spots: With a very soft cloth remove all the loose dirt, wiping always in one direction. Then dip a soft, dry cloth into some dry calcium powder of the same shade as the ceiling, finish and rub gently away from the wall and toward the center and renewing the powder dressing occasionally.

Window Sills. A jut in a window, which has no sill, may be made to look attractive by placing a box in it, and by proper covering be transformed into a window-seat. A cover may be hinged on the front, and the interior used for storage purposes. In small rooms such a nook is impossible, as it takes up too much space.

Not a Convert. "What bekum ur Sam Bailey since he entald de church?" "Wha, he ain't got out yet—he done got two yeans, 'or recollie, 'to dat job."

They Came Out, All Right. Mrs. Bensonhurst—All Right have you been, dear?

Mrs. Bensonhurst—Oh, I spent the afternoon hating.

"Oh, my, yes. My experience today reminded me of that shaving-brush you gave me for my birthday."

"How so?"

"Oh, the hares came out in bunches."

Premonition. The Colonel—"So the bank refused to cash that check I gave you, Rastus."

Rastus—"Yessah. Dat cashier mmm hav' positively de most seeable mind Ah ebah sav, sah."

Rastus—"How's that?"

"dun tell him whose check Ah had, he said it was no good eben befo' he dun took at it, sah.—New York Globe."

SUMMER SKIRTS ARE LOW PRICED

Skirts made of pique, linene, linen gabardine and novelty cottons at \$1.00 up to \$5.50. These skirts are some plain tailoring, others shirred across the top, pockets in pouch and knapsack styles, all sizes from 30 to 39 in. waist measure. Lovely blue and gray skirts, a special value at \$3.75. The extra size skirts at \$1.25 up to \$4.50.

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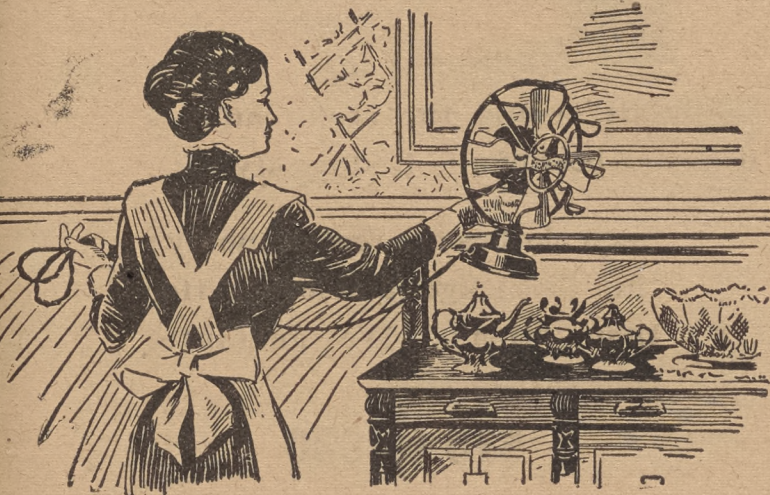
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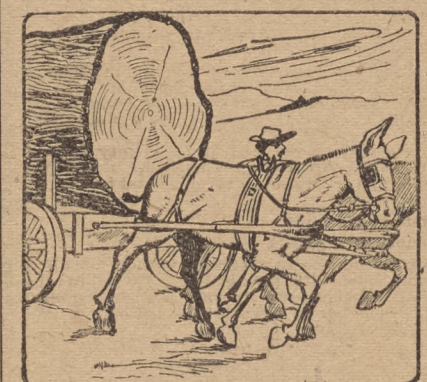


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William Belding was devoted to his business. He was absorbed in it, submerged in it, pickled in it. When quite young he had read: "Concentration is the secret of success." He meant to succeed, that is he meant to get money. He concentrated, and got it. At the age of forty he found himself possessed of a good bank account, some property, and a steadily increasing business. He was a long way from being a millionaire, but with the rapid progress he was making he looked forward to being one. A sense of his power and efficiency gave him a kind of exhilaration so that he became, if possible, more and more absorbed in the pursuit of wealth.

But how about the wife of this man? Janet was four years younger than he, and had married him when he was twenty-eight. He had only made a small beginning then, but she loved him, and was willing to wait for his success. He was a long way from being a millionaire, but with the rapid progress he was making he looked forward to being one. A sense of his power and efficiency gave him a kind of exhilaration so that he became, if possible, more and more absorbed in the pursuit of wealth.

Belding now came home to dinner tired, worn out, and bringing his business with him. He took no interest in what she said, and answered her in an absent-minded way. When he did speak it was of something that had happened in the office. He had put over a big deal, or he expected to the next day. After dinner he read the paper to himself, then fell asleep, or got up and went to bed at an extremely early hour.

When Janet urged him to take her to a play she was anxious to see. He landed her the money for the tickets and told her to take anyone she wished. If they were invited to spend the evening with a friend he begged off on the plea of having extra work that evening. If it happened to be a dinner, he had an important appointment with a man at that particular hour. When she invited friends for the evening, he dined down town, and had a more than usual important engagement.

Once when she had pretty forcibly remonstrated against his entire neglect of social obligations he had answered: "Why, Janet, can't you understand that I've got to attend to business? Can't you see that it's all for you I'm doing this?"

"Yes, dear," she said gently. "But I'd rather go back to the little flat, and have something of you, some of the little outings and pleasant times we had together, than all I have now without you."

He was touched by her appeal, and took her in his arms and kissed her. "Well, dearie," he temporized, "we were both pretty young then. We have to get down to the serious things in life. Perhaps after a while I can take it a bit easier."

But that time never came. At first she told him to wait, but she thought, "I don't believe you'd care if I did!"

Belding was scarcely ever ill or obliged to be away a day from the office. One afternoon, in his haste after luncheon to leave the elevator, his foot caught between the elevator floor and the landing and was badly mangled. True, the boy should not have opened the door before reaching the floor, but the hurry and rush of Mr. Belding had inoculated everyone in his atmosphere.

An ambulance took him to a hospital aged, but he was warned that he might not be able to step upon it for several weeks. The next day he insisted on being taken home, where he could be more in touch with the office. A couch-bed was arranged for him in the living room where he could hear every ring of the telephone, his secretary having been instructed to keep him informed of anything of importance. Janet devoted herself to caring for him and trying to amuse him. The latter effort proved futile. He interrupted her attempts with words and lamentations. He was sure everything at the office was going to the dogs. A caged lion or bear would have been a less trying responsibility.

Janet was obliged to spend a good deal of time writing notes canceling engagements. She wrote them in the room where he was so that she could be with him. He began asking her to whom she was writing, and when she told him, growled that he did not know them. She called up a good many whom she could informally refuse, and of course had always to explain to them the cause. This also brought a growl from the injured man. Hearing about himself and the accident, he declared was driving him "nuts." Janet suggested he be moved to another room, but he would not hear of it.

"Great Scott!" he cried, "What terrible monotony. Here I've been shut up here four days, and not a soul has looked in on me except Saxby from the office. That's what friends amount to."

Janet, whose patience was worn to a thread, came back at him: "You haven't cared a rap about your friends. Do you think you have any?"

He looked at her in amazement. "That's a nice way to talk to a sick man," he said.

"Well, you might as well look the thing squarely in the face. It's the truth. And now that you have some spare time, you might as well think about that as anything. We have to somehow take account of stock in our own selves just as surely as we have to in bonds and mortgages."

He looked strangely at her without speaking. "I would be glad," she added kindly, "to ask any of my friends to come in and see you. Some of them don't believe I have an absconded. I'd really like to prove it to them—especially as I'm not ashamed of him."

"No," he dissented. "I don't want to see strangers—not now."

Janet was obliged to see a caller in another room, and a maid answered the telephone.

"Mrs. Belding is engaged," he heard her say. "Who? I didn't get the name. Oh, yes, Mr. Jarvis! Hold the wire."

The maid dashed off quickly to bring Mrs. Belding. Janet picked up the receiver. "You there? Listen! Listen, please! Didn't you get my note? You didn't? I'll write you! My husband is ill. Yes, here—in this room. I have a caller. I must go." She rang off, and left the room.

Belding had now something besides the advice just given him to think about.

The obvious alacrity of the maid to bring Janet to the telephone when she found who was talking, the embarrassment of Janet in trying to shut off the



"I Don't Want to See Strangers—Not Now."

man, and above all, the note which was to explain something she could not say over the wire.

"Who is this Jarvis?" he asked when she returned.

"A friend of mine," she answered, and turned away. She could not tell him that Fred Jarvis had given her companionship, delightful little attentions, and the kind of friendship that was coming to be dangerously near being something more.

"Is he tall, light-haired, clean-shaven, and has he a prominent nose?"

She stared at the abruptness of the question. Then she found voice to say, "Yes; why?"

"Months ago a man asked me who the man was that he saw you with so often. Then he described him. I said I didn't know. I don't think I thought of it again. I had that much faith in you?"

"It seems there are masculine gossip," she said, and left the room.

Something between a cyclone and an earthquake was going on in the brain and heart of Belding, but he seemed outwardly very quiet. For days he was so silent Janet wondered. Then he called her to him.

"Janet, I was furious that day you told me to think—but I've been at it ever since. If you'll send away that man I'll try to take his place."

"Dear old Will!" she said, laying her cheek against his. "We'll begin over again where we left off, back there in the little flat."

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